

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

1. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber cable comprising:

a ribbon fiber bundle formed by stacking a plurality of ribbon optical fibers, each of the plurality of ribbon optical fibers comprises a plurality of optical fibers arranged in parallel and a jacket surrounding the plurality of optical fibers;

a plurality of tension members arranged to cover intersection areas, defining valleys, between the external circumferential surfaces of the plurality of ribbon optical fibers, and arranged in parallel and in a close contact relationship along a longitudinal direction of the ribbon fiber bundle; and,  
an outer sheath surrounding the ribbon optical fiber bundle and the tension members.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The optical fiber cable according to claim 1, wherein the optical fiber cable has a diameter substantially less than 3.0 mm.

4. (Original) The optical fiber cable according to claim 1, wherein the optical fiber cable has a weight substantially less than 10 kg/km.

5. (Original) The optical fiber cable according to claim 1, wherein the jacket is formed of a polymeric compound.

6. (Original) The optical fiber cable according to claim 5, wherein the polymetric compound is selected from a group consisting of UV-curable resin, polyvinyl chloride (PVC), Hytrel, Nylon, polyethylene (PE), polyester, and polyolefin.

7. (Original) The optical fiber cable according to claim 1, wherein the tension members are formed from one of aramid yarn, glass yarn, glass fiber-reinforced plastic (FRP) material.

8. (Original) The optical fiber cable according to claim 1, wherein the outer sheath is formed from a polymeric material.

9. (Original) The optical fiber cable according to claim 1, wherein the polymetric material is selected from a group consisting of PVC, polyolefin, PE, polyamide, Polybutylene Terephthalate (PBT).

10. (Currently Amended) The optical fiber cable according to claim 1, wherein the outer sheath is formed from a ~~frame-retardant~~ flame-retardant material.

11. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber cable comprising:  
a ribbon fiber bundle formed by stacking a plurality of ribbon optical fibers, each of the plurality of ribbon optical fibers comprises a plurality of optical fibers arranged in parallel and a jacket surrounding the plurality of optical fibers;  
at least one binder for binding the ribbon optical fiber bundle;  
a plurality of substantially semicircular shaped tension members arranged in parallel and in a

close contact relationship with the binders; and,

an outer sheath surrounding the ribbon optical fiber bundle, the binder, and the tension members.

12. (Original) The optical fiber cable according to claim 11, wherein the binder is a tape made from a polymeric compound.

13. (Currently Amended) The optical fiber cable according to claim 11, wherein the optical fiber cable has a diameter substantially less than ~~[[3.0]]~~ 3.5 mm.

14. (Currently Amended) The optical fiber cable according to claim 11, wherein the optical fiber cable has a weight substantially less than ~~[[10]]~~ 15 kg/km.